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The Honorable Jim Jordan United States House of Representatives 1524 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Jordan:

On behalf of our 85,000 member families and homeschoolers across the nation, I give our support to H.R. 408, the "Spending Reduction Act of 2011," which would cut \$2.5 trillion of federal government spending over the next ten years.

As the test scores of public school students continue to plummet, we must take a closer look at reform. As we can see from the successes of homeschooled students, parental involvement, not greater spending, is the key to educational achievement. Cutting spending on federal education programs is necessary for states and local governments to have the freedom to focus on the specific needs of their schools and students.

I applaud you on your efforts to begin to cut down on the federal red tape that inhibits the success of our children. I urge you to continue to check the Department of Education's numerous programs and increasing regulations.

Thank you for taking this step to reduce federal control and overspending. HSLDA supports this legislation and looks forward to working together in the future on similar issues.

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